

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2969

ANSWERED ON:02.08.2017

Robbery in Trains

Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the incidents of robbery in trains in the country are on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details of the incidents reported during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is also true that adequate security arrangements are not made to ensure safety of passengers in such trains and railway stations; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2969 BY SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2017 REGARDING ROBBERY IN TRAINS

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The incidents of robbery have registered substantial decrease during the calendar year 2016 as compared to the previous calendar year of 2015.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP)/District Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP in providing better protection and security of passenger area and passengers and for matters connected therewith.

Besides, the following steps are also taken by the Railways to provide security to passengers:

1. On vulnerable and identified routes/sections, 2500 trains (on an average) are escorted by Railway Protection Force daily, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by Government Railway Police of different States daily.
2. Surveillance is kept through CCTV cameras, provided at about 344 stations over Indian Railways, to ensure safety and security of passengers.
3. Security Help Line number 182 is made operational over Indian Railways for security related assistance to passengers in distress.
4. An Integrated Security System consisting of surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, Access Control etc. has been sanctioned to improve surveillance mechanism over 202 railway stations.
5. Frequent announcements are made through Public Address System to educate passengers to take precautions against theft, snatching, drugging etc.
6. Close liaison is made by RPF with the State Police/GRP authorities at all levels for prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains.
